

COOS BAY TIMES

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ELECTRIFYING RAILROAD LINES.

THE San Francisco Call, in a recent article dealing with the railroad situation on the west coast, concludes that it is the intention of the Hill and the Harriman interests to electrify their lines, the Hill line, the Oregon Electric, to be continued south from Eugene, to which point it is at present in operation.

In speaking of this general electrifying of the roads, and the extension of the Hill line, the Call concludes: "At the Los Angeles conference it was decided that the time had come when electric power would be the motive power for railroads that would best serve the public interest. Everything south of Los Angeles will within the next year or more be electrically operated. Everything north of Los Angeles will have the same trend. From Portland to Eugene, on the line of the Shasta route, the Hill interests have installed the Oregon Electric and they are working southward. The Harriman interests have acquired water power rights on the same line and have made extension into Klamath Falls that will soon be electrified. From Grants Pass to Gold Beach, in Oregon, both Hill and Harriman have been fighting for rights of way, and from Crescent City to Gold Beach has been surveyed a line that is said to be part of the extension of the Eureka line, now building from Willets to the city of the redwoods."

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING.

True courage is not incompatible with nervousness; and heroism does not mean the absence of fear, but the conquest of it. —Van Dyke.

FACT.

If epitaphs all told the truth. No matter what your rank; I am inclined to think you'd find most tombstones would be blank.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

A downward revision of the water rates tariff would be much more popular.

THE QUIET OBSERVER SAYS:

When a Coos Bay man's wife has been away for a month he meets her at the boat dock and she looks like the Finest Thing on Earth to him. He kisses her and hangs on to her arm and can't do enough for her. And after she has been home for a couple of days, when you see them on the

MASONS HOLD FINE MEETING

Official Visit of Representative of Grand Lodge is Made Memorable Occasion.

One of the most largely attended and interesting meetings of Blanco Lodge No. 48, A. F. & A. M. was held last evening at Masonic Temple. The occasion was the official visit of F. J. Miller, Senior Grand Warden and special representative of the Worshipful Grand Master of Oregon. The work in the Master Mason degree was exemplified, being taken by V. O. Pratt. At the conclusion of official business a bountiful banquet was spread at which there was a "feast of reason and a flow of soul" as well as a feast of edibles for the inner man. Worshipful Master L. A. Wheratt presided and toasts were responded to by a number including the guest of honor, F. J. Miller, Herbert Lockhart, J. Albert Matson and F. W. Kern, of Coquille. All the speakers touched on themes dear to every Mason's heart and there was a quickening of interest and a freshening of the enthusiasm and earnestness of the members of the order. F. W. Kern, of Coquille, delivered a most earnest and eloquent plea for the exemplification and application of Masonic principles in the daily lives of the members and for the extension of that brotherhood of humanity which characterizes and typifies the true Mason.

The meeting was a most successful one and one of the memorable occasions of Blanco Lodge.

F. J. Miller, representative of the Grand Lodge, is a member of the Oregon Railway Commission now holding the water hearing here.

street, he is walking about four feet ahead of her and acting as if he would like to get rid of her.

One-half of some Coos Bay men's lives consists of owing money they can't pay and the other half in having money owed them that they can't collect.

A Coos Bay man will give his wife \$10 to pay \$50 worth of bills. Then he will borrow \$6 of the \$10 back and want to know what she does with all her money.

The Swatter's League. STANDING OF THE CLUBS. Club— Won. Lost. Errors. House Fly. 65,769 7,321 7,321 House Wife. 7,321 58,448 58,448

You can always think of something you should have said after the time for saying it has passed.

THE MARSHFIELD WATER CASE WATER HEARING CLOSURES TODAY

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product, being inferior to Beaver Hill or Libby coal, he thought it could be mined on an extensive scale on a royalty basis of 20 cents per ton.

John W. Butler, City Recorder, testified that the water committee of the City Council had frequently been requested to take up with the water company the matter of the poor service and had tried to adjust it.

John D. Goss, as City Attorney, made a sworn statement that he had conferred numerous times in company with the fire and water committee of the Council and City Engineer Gidley with J. W. Bennett of the water company about improvements and betterments.

John C. Merchant testified that as a member of the City Council he and the other members of the fire and water committee had conferred with Mr. Bennett in an endeavor to adjust the water service.

All of the latter testimony was to offset the testimony of J. H. Flanagan that the water company had little notice of the city's desires about better service.

D. L. Buckingham was called again as a witness to introduce a map showing that the proposed boulevard from Marshfield to the sea crossed the Pony Inlet watershed. He also testified that there was a cutoff road near Libby where many cattle and people crossed over the watershed and said that at the headwaters of Pony Inlet was a cattle wash.

North Bend Service.

Yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of J. H. Flanagan's testimony, City Attorney Mullen of North Bend, questioned him some on the North Bend service. He wanted to know if Mr. Flanagan thought that \$3.50 was a fair rate for hydrant rental in North Bend when the company was charging only \$2 in Marshfield. Mr. Flanagan said that it was because of the three-miles additional main and also because they had to accept North Bend city warrants which had to be discounted 10 per cent.

Mr. Flanagan said that it would be possible for the company to furnish direct service to North Bend without a great additional cost even though the Marshfield franchise had

expired, by changing the main somewhat.

Commissioner Aitchison wanted to know if the Water company had included in its last year's receipts the hydrant rentals from North Bend, and Mr. Flanagan said they had not because the city had not paid them. He estimated that they had \$500 or \$700 coming from the city of North Bend for hydrant rentals.

Then Mr. Aitchison wanted to know if the \$3900 judgment which the company recently got against the Simpson Lumber company for excess water had been credited. Mr. Flanagan said that it had not. Mr. Aitchison then wanted to know how he thought it should be credited to the company's receipts as it covered a number of years. It was explained that the claim was for about six years.

Debts of Company.

At the conclusion of Mr. Flanagan's testimony, Mr. Teal proceeded to give the commission a statement of the Water company's finances. He furnished a copy of the trust deed to the Security Trust and Savings company of Portland, which he said was to guarantee the \$150,000 bond issue. He said that of the bonds, \$75,000 had originally been issued and in 1912, \$27,000 more of the bonds were issued. He said these bonds were held as follows: D. D. Thompson, of Portland, \$50,000; Security Trust and Savings Company, of Portland, \$25,000; Flanagan estate, \$25,000; and one bond to the Proctor Realty company.

He said that the company's indebtedness was distributed as follows:

D. P. Thompson, \$50,000; Security Trust and Savings company, \$25,000; Flanagan & Bennett Bank, \$20,000; Flanagan estate, \$25,000; Proctor Realty company, \$1,000; and a floating debt of \$2500, totaling \$125,000.

Corey's Statistics.

R. H. Corey, of the water company was the next witness and a mass of statistics which he had compiled took up the balance of the afternoon. He had a table showing water rates in 75 cities in the west. He said that he had gathered these in towns ranging from 2000 to 19,000 in population. He said that the average water rate charged by them was \$27.93 cents per year for houses, whereas in Marshfield it was only \$19.59. He said the table also showed the average hydrant rental was \$4 per month, whereas in Marshfield the hydrant rental was only \$1.75 per month.

Mr. Teal wanted Mr. Corey to say whether the Marshfield rates were too low or not but Mr. Aitchison objected.

Mr. Corey said that he had prepared a history of the Water company plant, etc. He said that he considered 40 acres necessary for the pumping plant and 35 1-2 acres necessary for the reservoir. He said that he did not consider the lot at Fourth and Central as essential to the system.

He included in his figures of the cost of replacing the plant \$12,964, for changing hard paving in Marshfield, and \$8687 for changing plank paving in Marshfield, and estimated the cost of abutting on the water in North Bend at about \$1000.

Mr. Corey estimated the pumping station tract at \$400 per acre, the reservoir at \$800 per acre and the two lots in Bennett addition at \$2000 apiece, the coal to be further worth 20 cents a ton royalty, the timber worth \$100 per acre, the rights of way for pipe line \$15,000, and the water rights worth \$50,000. He estimated the total cost of the plant at \$92,490, and its present value, deducting for depreciation, \$58,190.

Included Everything.

Mr. Corey's figures were of what the plant should have cost and he included everything, promotion fees, legal fees, engineering, etc., etc., etc.

He figured that the company was entitled to 8 per cent for the money it borrowed and then 3 per cent on top of this for profit, making 11 per cent, interest on the big investment the company should earn, in his opinion. Mr. Aitchison objected to this as he said that Mr. Bennett had testified that 8 per cent was the prevailing earning rate of money here.

Mr. Corey testified that in 1898, the company had \$10,545 invested in the plant, the operating expenses cost \$3488 and the total income was \$1153.

He estimated that the plant, to duplicate it now, allowing his 11 per cent interest, etc., etc., etc., would represent \$171,175.

He said that this was a difficult place to build plants in owing to the rainy seasons, etc., and he estimated it would take two years in which to complete a water system. Mr. Aitchison questioned him later about this, and wanted to know if a really good engineer couldn't do it in six months, providing he was given a sufficient working force, and Mr. Corey said not economically.

Mr. Corey said that over 1,500,000 gallons of water were passing through Pony Inlet a day in addition to what the company was using.

A mass of data compiled by Mr. Corey was introduced in evidence, showing the expenditures and income, pumping station expense, etc.

Mr. Corey said that much of the extensions had been constructed by Foreman McCarty and while their salaries were charged to the expense account, they should have been charged up against new work. He said that the company had been operated at a very small expense.

He said that while Expert Stubblefield's report on the company showed that it had made some money, Mr. Stubblefield had failed to allow enough for depreciation.

Mr. Aitchison questioned him closely about the available supply in Pony Inlet and wanted to know what was to prevent others from using the water that the company was not taking and what was to prevent owners of property in the water shed im-

GIVE FIGURES OF BUSINESS

Water Company's Gross Income and Operating Expenses Shown.

A profit of \$44,546.48 since 1898 is shown by the report of R. H. Corey in a sworn statement of the business of the Coos Bay Water Company presented to the Oregon Railroad Commission yesterday. Mr. Corey states that the statement does not allow for a profit on the investment or depreciation or include a salary for the manager up to September, 1912. The statement is in part as follows:

Summary of Expenditures and Income of Coos Bay Water Co. Table with columns: Year, Gross Income, Operating Expense.

Number of Consumers.

Yesterday afternoon, R. H. Corey of the Water company, presented a sworn statement to the Railroad Commission of the number of consumers that the company has in Marshfield and North Bend. The statement is rather surprising as it does not show nearly the number of consumers, especially in North Bend, that was generally believed that the company had. The statement is:

Table with columns: Kind, Mfd., N. Bend.

COQUILLE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM.

Coquille has about 350 water consumers, paying approximately \$500 per month. The receipts for last year, ending May 31, were \$6002.35.—Coquille Sentinel.

AT THE HOTELS.

Lloyd Hotel. Clarence Lee, Coquille; Ovid Wickham, Bandon; F. Medlock, Bandon; F. A. Turner, Coquille, Wash.; E. A. Lindley, North Bend; R. Reagan, Oklahoma; J. Johnson, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Chase, Salem; C. L. Lindsay, Roseburg. Hotel Coos. D. J. Perard, Toppensish, Wn.; C. H. Gram, Portland; Mrs. A. W. Myers, Coaledo; D. A. Edwards, San Jose; M. H. Dement, Myrtle Point; M. R. Marden, Coquille; Mrs. J. H. Smith, North Bend.

The Chandler.

Robt. C. Fordney, Portland; S. T. Pinkham, Seattle; James Grady, Gardiner; O. L. Peter, Portland; Harriet Morris, Mapleton, Ore.; Gladys Gardner, Mapleton, Ore.; C. B. Magee, City; Mrs. A. P. Ingram, Coquille; S. H. Goldstein, Portland; G. W. Shelley, Myrtle Point; Mrs. G. W. Shelley, Myrtle Point; Gordon Shelley, Myrtle Point; A. D. Mills, Bandon.

Times' Want Ads bring results.

22 Lots at \$40.91 Each. Lots are 30x105 feet and lay fine. You can't get any lots near these at less than from \$75 to \$150. YOU CAN DOUBLE YOUR MONEY ON THIS BUY SIX MONTHS. Must be sold before July 1st. Coos Bay Realty Co. Phone 264-J. Opposite Grand Theater.

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Vertical text and small advertisements on the right side of the page, including 'NEW MAINS TO BE ORDERED' and 'Railroad Commission'.